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By Olubusayo M.
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Panther Staff

Prairie View A&M University is continuing its partnership with 4W Solutions and NASA to implement the TUFTS Club (Training Us for Futures in Technology and Science) as part of its K-12 thrust of the Software Engineering Initiative.

The TUFTS Club, developed by Leslie Coward, educational project director, is a high school program designed to motivate minority students to pursue careers in computers, science, and technology while introducing them to academic programs offered by universities.

The Software Engineering Initiative, with Mr. J.D. Oliver as its director, is a grant from NASA to teach and promote software engineering principles to computer science students. NASA recognized that year after

year, fewer students, especially minorities, were going into technical fields of work and study. "Students often fear math and science and are unwilling to pursue degrees in this field," said Ms. Pearl Wright, a representative for NASA. 4W Solutions/ TUFTS courses take a new approach to educating students to stimulate interests and remove the fear of technical studies.

4W Solutions proposed to PVAMU to implement the TUFTS courses as part of its community outreach effort to Ross Sterling High School in the Houston Independent School District under the principal, Mrs. Daisy Maura, and a computer science teacher, Ms. Helen Connor. Sterling High School is the magnet school for Aviation and Aeronautics. The program began in fall 2001.

"TUFTS is unique from other programs because it did not especially recruit high accelerating students but sought students that were willing to make a commitment

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SGA seeks dean's resignation, Faculty Senate wants removal

By Barbra Ramirez
Panther Staff

The Student Government Association is seeking the resignation of Dr. Gerard Rambally as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. The faculty senate has also requested that the dean should be terminated, reassigned, or removed from office by the

university.

According to President Hendrik Maison, the SGA voted unanimously at a recent meeting to ask for the dean's resignation, contending that the negative publicity generated by Rambally's no contest plea in a legal case in Houston had adversely affected the image of the university.

The July 31, 2002, edition of the *Houston Chronicle* reported that two Waller County citizen groups had called for Rambally's resignation following an allegation of improper conduct.

Rambally, who had been charged with public lewdness in a case before Harris County Criminal Court No. 10, entered a plea of no con-

test to a lesser charge of disorderly conduct on July 17, 2002.

In a letter to Interim President Willie Tempton dated August 26, 2002, the SGA called for Rambally's resignation, saying: "We are not supporting any legal accusation however; we do feel that the continuation of Dr. Rambally's employment as the Dean of Arts and Sciences is

not in the best interest of our university or its reputation."

Copies of the letter were addressed to Rambally himself, Dr. J. Thomas-Smith, vice president for academic affairs, Dr. Doris Price, interim vice president for student enrollment services, and Dr. Lee Henderson, speaker of the faculty senate.

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Steve Curtis named woman's basketball assistant coach

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Texas A&M on Monday named Steve Curtis, a 12-year coaching veteran, as assistant women's basketball coach.

Curtis succeeds Jeff Caldwell who was recently named the head coach for the women's basketball team at Henderson State.

"I'm very excited to be coming to Texas A&M," Curtis said in a written statement, "and I've always been impressed with the many traditions here. I think we are a part of the best women's basketball conference in the nation and we'll be very competitive."

Before Texas A&M, Curtis spent the last four seasons as an assistant women's basketball coach at Nebraska.

While there, the Huskers reached the NCAA Tournament twice and also advanced to the semifinals of the Big 12 Conference Tournament.

Curtis also was an assistant coach at Mississippi from 1992-97 before spending the 1997-98 season at Mississippi State as an assistant.

At Ole Miss, Curtis helped the Lady Rebels to a Southeastern Conference title in 1992. He also helped direct Mississippi to six NCAA Tournaments and two Elite Eight berths.

•World•

Queens man dies of West Nile virus

New York (AP) — A Queens man, has died from the West Nile virus, the first known case in New York City this year, the city Department of Health and Mental Hygiene said Monday.

The 73-year-old man from Jackson Heights was hospitalized on Friday and died on Sunday, the department said.

There have been three other cases of the disease in the city this year, a 71-year-old Bronx woman, an 86-year-old Queens woman, and an 84-year-old Queens man. The two women were hospitalized in stable condition, and the man remains hospitalized in critical condition.

An 81-year-old man in Suffolk County died from West Nile last month, the first fatality in the state this year.

Only about 1 percent of those infected by the virus show symptoms, with those with weakened immune systems most susceptible, according to the Centers for Disease Control. So far this year, 638 people in 27 states and the District of Columbia have tested positive for West Nile virus and 31 have died.

The number of human cases of West Nile has been decreasing in New York City since the virus was first detected in 1999, when there were seven deaths. Last year the city saw seven hospitalizations, none fatal.

The virus was first detected in the United States in New York.

•National•

Negotiators finalize to fight

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Negotiators finalized the last details of a plan Monday to fight poverty and save the environment with a compromise on renewable energy, diplomats said.

The text includes a commitment to "urgently" increase the global share of renewable energy sources like solar and wind power. But the European Union lost a push for the inclusion of a specific target.

The United States and oil-producing countries had resisted the inclusion of targets and timeframes in the plan, arguing that concrete projects were more important than paper agreements.

Small Colombian plane crashes

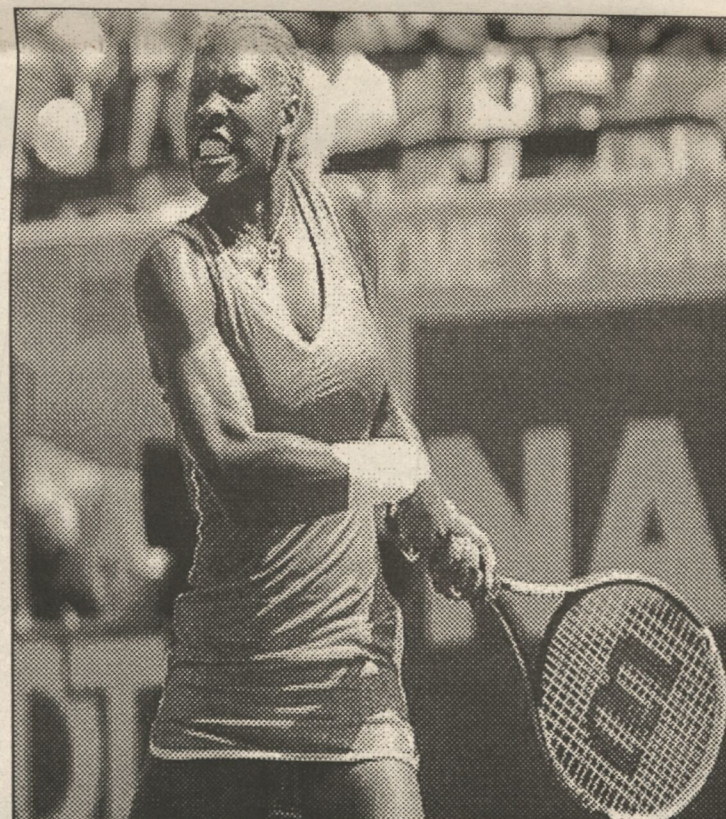
TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (AP) — Police on Monday were searching for a pilot and passengers who apparently fled after their four-passenger plane crash landed in a sugarcane field along Honduras' Atlantic coast.

The plane was reported stolen in Colombia. Authorities believe it was carrying cocaine, although police found no drugs aboard, police spokesman Dennis Zelaya said.

Police found the plane in flames on a private farm near El Progreso, 160 kilometers (100 miles) north of Tegucigalpa. Inside the craft was a map of Colombia with regions marked off.



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Who Moved My Cheese?



By Tenesia S. Mathews
Editor-in-Chief

"Who moved my cheese" is a phrase that is used to describe different unwanted and unexpected changes in our lives.

Granted all change isn't necessarily bad but just because it isn't a drastic change does not mean that the change is wanted. As we go through life, we will be tested on how swift and smooth we adapt to change. We must learn to take everything with a grain of salt and a smile.

As college students e at PV, we are sometimes pacified and pampered because we are young and in college, but when we step outside of Prairie View and into an unknown and unconquered world we will not be coddled.

The world is harsh and very competitive, but if we complain about every situation that isn't right, hoping that what has already happened will somehow reinvent itself. We are guaranteed to be left by the waste side.

This world is competitive and as humans we are naturally selfish, therefore, people will try to make changes and decisions in your life just to move you away from your comfort zone and you will have to either change the situation by quitting or you will just have to adapt.

For instance, this summer someone broke into the Panther office and stole three brand new Apple iMac computers, and now the newspaper staff has to try to produce a 12- page paper with only the three computers that we have now. This

would be totally impossible if we didn't know how to adapt to change.

But since we do have some idea of how we can get the job done. It isn't as hard and frustrating as it would be if we were to just sit around and complain.

Thesesituations make the world turn and we can either show up or be shown up. Either way, it is our choice to adapt or be consumed by the world and its hard lessons.

If we do adapt to change with the grace and ease that is required of us then life will become much, much easier.

So, when situations start becoming more tedious than you originally planned them to be just move your cheese meaning just adapt to be the change that the situation requires.

Concerned student speaks out about housing

Dear Editor,

I am very concerned about the many unnecessary problems continuing with housing. Going back to last year's discrepancies, many students didn't have any place to stay due to the increase of freshmen.

This caused the returning students to live in their cars for days, stay with friends, and long endless days in the clubhouse in an effort to secure a room. The really sad part about it is that a lot of people paid their money and were promised a room.

I was one of those students. My heart really went out to the returning students from out of state that didn't have a place to stay and the even seniors about graduate that had to endure the pain of not having a place to sleep.

This year was a little better but still very unorga-

nized. When I moved into my room I found that my lock was broke and the hallway light didn't work. I ask why do we pay so much when nothing is fixed until you call and beg maintenance to come.

I could understand small problems but there shouldn't be many. It makes me wonder, where is the money going? This doesn't only affect the students at Prairie View A&M University now, but it affects the future students and Prairie View as a whole. I hope that next year, the housing authority will be organized and prepared for students to move in.

If they are not prepared it could probably get worse as the years progress especially if Prairie View has plans to increase its retention rate.

Sincerely,

Concerned Student

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How much do we really know?



By L'Rhonda Boyd
News Editor

With all that is going on in the world today, how many of us are actually aware of the news around us?

For many of us, sports, entertainment or anything controversial in the two, is all the news that we concern ourselves with.

There is nothing wrong with being interested in sports or entertainment but if that is all the "news" that you bother reading, then you and I need to change our way of thinking.

One would think that after the terrorist attacks on September 11, we as young Americans would pay closer attention to the world outside of our normal surroundings.

Topics such as terrorism outside the U.S., anything concerning the middle east, and more recently U.S. funding, have (to say the least) fallen on deaf ears especially by students.

Instead of picking up your local newspaper and reading through the sections, maybe while checking your e-mail you could actually read the news brief section that is printed on the main page of almost every provider's page.

If you prefer magazines then maybe you could read through a Newsweek while you are purchasing your Vibe.

Whatever your preference, educate yourself.

Interim president outlines vision for PVAMU

By Christina Johnson
Panther staff

Mr. Willie A. Tempton assumed office as interim president of Prairie View A&M September 1. Tempton took over from Dr. Charles A. Hines whose resignation from the presidency also became effective September 1.

Tempton is no stranger to Prairie View. Tempton was born and raised in Waxahachie, Texas. He attended Prairie View A & M University and received his undergraduate degree in biology, with a minor in chemistry in 1961.

Upon graduation, he was commissioned into the military by Prairie View's ROTC program. He spent 30 years in the army, spending most of his tour of duty attending many of the schools the army has to offer, including the Army War College, and held many command positions. He retired in 1992.

After his retirement, Tempton came back to "the hill" to become an assistant to Dr. Harry Bonner, who, at the



Interim president Willie A. Tempton

time, was vice president for finance and administration. When Dr. Bonner retired in 1995, Tempton was voted by the Board of Regents of the Texas A&M to become vice president for finance and administration and

served in this position from 1996 until May of this year.

When Dr. Hines' resignation was announced, the Chancellor of the Texas A&M System, Howard Graves, asked Tempton to take on the role of interim president and he gladly accepted.

As interim president, Tempton has noticed many areas in which Prairie View needs to improve and he is making an effort to fix them. "We need to increase the availability of housing, especially for freshmen. We will be adding new units soon," he said. "Also we have an excellent faculty, but the challenge is getting the students to take the opportunity of getting all they have to offer."

According to Tempton, great new academic programs will be initiated soon, including new master's and doctoral programs in electrical engineering and a master's program in computer science.

In 2005, Prairie View will offer an undergraduate degree in forensic psychology. "These are major milestones in the university's history," he stated.

Tempton thinks that Prairie View needs more school spirit among the students. "Prairie View has a tradition to be proud of, but we tend to spend too much time on the things that are not important as opposed to the great

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Lack of professors, classes cause concern

By Candice Grizzell
Panther staff

Some students think that the number of professors on campus is dwindling.

"To my understanding, professors are leaving on their own free will," said SGA president for academic affairs Vivian Spikes. "Perhaps the working conditions aren't what they should be or some professors may not be getting ample funds and are seeking funds elsewhere."

Dr. E. Joahanne Thomas-Smith, university provost for academic affairs said professors have left to "pursue advanced study," for "health or family reasons" and a "few retired." She noted that 21 professors have left and 58 were hired this year.

Junior La Tosha Phillips thinks that the lack of

professors affects the learning environment and prevents students from graduating on time.

"There aren't enough professors available to teach specific courses because they have left," said Phillips.

"Most of the time students have to wait an additional semester or year for a class to be offered."

Spikes said that according to the office of Institutional Research, Prairie View has hit the 7400 plus mark.

"We get more students every year and by 2008-2010 approximately 12000 students are expected," said Spikes.

Students also expressed concern about not understanding some foreign professors.

"This can affect stu-

dents in the long run," said Spikes. "My goal is to get quality professors and break language barriers."

SGA president Hendrik Maison feels that not all foreign professors can relate to students.

"There is a huge cultural difference, and this creates a problem in HBCUs," said Maison. "I also feel there is a lack of role-model black professors."

Other students such as junior Stacy Lloyd finds it coincidental that the majority of professors hired are foreign.

However, she states that their being foreign is not the issue. Lloyd just wants to know that the professors have the interests of students at heart.

"Prairie View is losing too many good professors who relay the material adequately and gaining professors who don't have the same passion as the professors they've replaced," said Lloyd.

"For the most part, these new professors focus more on continuing in their research."

The pattern of professors coming and going remains a trend at Prairie View. Spikes thinks that hiring someone with a Ph.D. does not mean that the university is getting a qualified professor.

"Prairie View shouldn't put as much emphasis on hiring teachers with doctoral degrees," said Spikes. "In certain circumstances experience outweighs the Ph.D."

The university provost, Dr. E. Joahanne Thomas-Smith, hopes that the ties between students and professors will become stronger.

"My goal is to hire professors who will take the time to teach students to be resourceful by using the material they require for their courses," said Smith.

NAFP fellow Willie Williams to aid, conduct research



Willie Williams combines professional and scholarly skills

By J.D.Oliver
Special to the Panther

In 1997, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) began the implementation phase of a program with a focus on professional development, academic enrichment, community outreach, and preparation of students for graduate and postgraduate studies, and careers in NASA-related fields.

This program is the NASA Administrator's Fellowship Program (NAFP) and is administered by the United Negro College Fund Special Programs Corporation (UNCFSP).

NAFP was designed to enhance the professional development of NASA employees and the Mathematics, Science, Engineering, and Technology (MSET) faculty of Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Hispanic-Serving Institutions, and Tribal Colleges and Universities.

This program exemplifies NASA's efforts to ensure the power of our Nation's scientific and tech-

nical resources and amplify the capability of these minority institutions to attain the challenge of the overall research and development mission of NASA.

Mr. Willie Williams of the Johnson Space Center is Research Program Manager in the International Space Station (ISS) Payloads Office and is a newly selected NAFP fellow of Cohort 6. His professional and scholarly competence and achievements makes him a prime candidate for this program and the host institution of Prairie View A&M University.

During his NAFP fellowship tenure of nine to twelve months, Mr. Williams will be supporting and conducting research in the areas of software engineering, telecommunications, and information technology.

As a professional at NASA, he has developed an avionics Artificial Intelligence (AI) Program. He developed this AI Program for use in Mission Control, by Flight Controller, to determine the on-orbit status and configuration of the Space Shuttles avionics system.

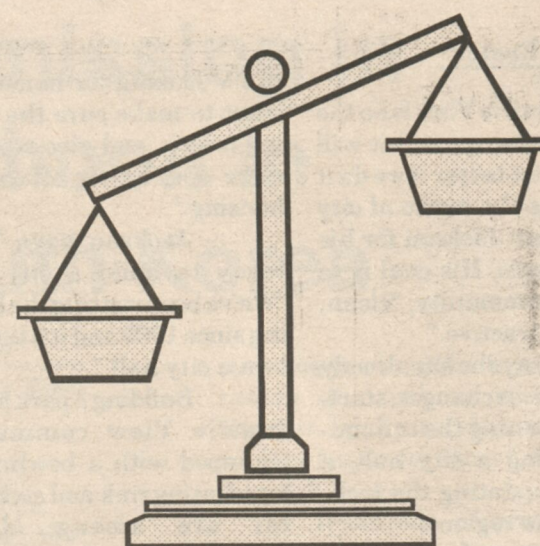
His experience as a

flight controller for eleven Space Shuttle mission and over one thousand hours of operations experience, led him to this development. He has also managed the manifesting, certification, flight readiness and on-orbit resources definition for over ten individual science experiments on the International Space Station (ISS).

Technical presentations were made at the Level II Shuttle Mission Integration Control Board (MICB) and Cargo Integration Review Board (CIRB), where he summarized the status of all the engineering disciplines readiness for the Space Shuttle payloads flight readiness.

He performed this function for five years as the Engineering, Cargo Integration Engineering Manager. He has managed the ISS Astronaut Payload Training Office where he coordinated the effort to define a new strategy for astronaut training for the space station and managed the construction of the ISS Payload Training Capability (PTC). He is also a private pilot with a complex aircraft rating.

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SGA Speaks Out
Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Student Government Association Senate Meeting 5:30pm

Committee Meeting 7:00pm Administration Bldg Auditorium

Class Elections Applications will be ready September 6 in the SGA office

September 12, 2002 interest meeting 5:30 Application due at 5:30 meeting

Mayor Jackson lays out plans for the city

By Nikki Easter
Panther Staff

"Prairie View is on the frontier of change and it will be a whole lot better if we do it together" is the motto of city Mayor Frank Jackson for his two-year term. His goal is to make the community, "clean, safe and attractive."

He says he has already started to these changes, starting with cleaning the community, building a city hall, a park, and updating the technology of the region.

"Remember your mother used to say, the 'least you can do is clean up' and that's exactly what we are doing," says Jackson. "We've started cleaning up vacant lots, and tearing down dilapidated houses. We are also working with animal control centers and the SPCA to pick up stray animals," adds Jackson.

Along with cleaning the eyesores of the community, Jackson says he plans to inspect the houses and fix the streets. "People are migrating

to PV looking for homes. We want to make sure the housing is safe, and give students more options for off-campus housing."

Jackson says he is ready to build a city hall. "We've been renting the buildings since 1969 and it's time we own a city hall."

Building a park for the Prairie View community equipped with a bowling alley, skating rink and civic center are among Mayor Jackson's plans.

The goal of the park is to create entrepreneur opportunities for the students and citizens giving them an opportunity to rent the center for any business ideas they may have.

After gaining the approval of the City Council and Center of Economic Development, his goal is to purchase 100 acres of land to create a research and development park along with a recreational center to "get kids off the street by giving them something to



Frank Jackson beams with smile and has new ideas on enhancing the city of Prairie View

do."

He says he plans to make University Drive downtown Prairie View, by making it a four-lane highway, adding street lights, cleaning the storefronts, and adding more industry.

"The students are the business of Prairie View and how can you have a college that teaches business and not have any businesses," says Jackson.

"By adding more businesses we can expand sales tax and reduce property tax, and by adding more jobs we keep commerce in Prairie View."

He says Prairie View is "working with Waller County Net to move toward wireless technology including a website for the city, and faster Internet connections."

Town Hall meetings are every second and fourth Monday at the city hall building, Jackson implores the students of Prairie View to come and tell him how we can make the community a better place.

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to being involved in research opportunities presented to them and participate in the development and presentation of special projects in the concentrated areas of study," stated Ms. Coward.

At the conclusion of the first year, 4W Solutions was able to recruit students to attend PVAMU's two week residential engineering program, ESCI.

Rambally from Pg. 1

Efforts made by the Panther last Friday to contact Dean Rambally for comment proved futile. The Panther made three visits to the dean's office, but was told that the dean was busy with registration duties.

The faculty senate is also asking that Dr. Rambally be replaced as dean. A letter dated August 30, 2002, and submitted to Dr. J. Thomas-Smith, vice president for academic affairs, said the faculty senate met August 29, 2002, at 4:30 p.m. and engaged in "a careful and deliberate debate

that resulted in a secret ballot vote."

The letter, signed by Dr. Lee Henderson, senate speaker for 2002-2003, stated that 78% of the members requested that "the University terminate, reassign or remove Dr. Gerard K. Rambally as dean of Arts and Sciences for cause." The letter said that no faculty senators indicated that Rambally should not be removed as dean. A formal resolution will be presented to the senate for approval on September 5, 2002, at the president's luncheon, the letter concluded.

Dr. Henderson told the Panther yesterday that the faculty senate had nothing personal against Dean Rambally, but the legal issue and the publicity on it "diminishes the effectiveness of the university." He said that the university "would be in better shape" if Rambally was no longer dean because the issue was clouding the dean's ability to serve effectively and to work with different groups.

Anti-Israel protests turn violent at world summit in Africa

Dina Kraft

Associated Press Writer

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) —

Shouting "Zionism is Racism" students pelted rocks, bricks and bottles Monday at people leaving a local college after a speech by Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

Police fired water cannon to try to break up the anti-Israeli demonstrators. Several people were wounded in the violence.

About 100 students demonstrated and said Peres has no right to be in South Africa.

A policeman was stabbed in the leg by one of the demonstrators, a police spokesperson said.

Two people were wounded including a journalist from Qatar. Another person was hit in the head, security personnel on the scene said. The extent of their injuries was not immediately known.

An Associated Press Television News cameraman was also slightly injured, hit by a flying brick.

Peres, Israel's original architect for peace with the Palestinians, said Monday

he does not understand why Israel has become a focus of protest as world leaders gathered to fight poverty and protect the environment.

"If the Palestinians want independence, we offered independence. If the Palestinians want a Palestinian state, we offered them a Palestinian state ... why violence? What for?"

Peres said in an interview with The Associated Press. "We can't understand those demonstrators."

There has been a series of anti-Israeli demonstrations at the summit and a massive protest by civil society groups Saturday was dominated by harsh criticism of Israel, but so far the debate on the Middle East has stayed in the streets and out of official discussions.

This is a sharp contrast to last year's U.N. Conference on Racism, also in South Africa, where the Israel-Arab conflict dominated the agenda and world attention.

The Palestinian ambassador to South Africa, Salman el-Herfi, said it was natural people would protest against Israel at U.N. conferences.

"People are demonstrating against Israeli aggression and (because of) their anger against the crimes against the Palestinian people ordered by members of the Israeli government, among them Peres," he said.

Peres defended Israel's much-criticized policy of targeted killings of Palestinian terror suspects, saying Israel was defending itself when it attacked those who he said were on their way to carrying out bombings inside Israel.

"We are extremely careful, but unfortunately there are some mistakes which I regret very much," he said.

Over the past week, several civilians, including children, have been killed in Israeli raids.

Peres said Israel would stand by the United States if it attacks Iraq. "Israel will be a loyal soldier in the camp that fights terror," he said.

Peres also welcomed a European Union peace plan that aims to put the Middle East peace talks back on track and create a Palestinian state by 2005.

The Israeli government, buoyed by recent White House support, has actively pushed to remove Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat from peace contacts, saying he has not acted to curb anti-Israel terror attacks.

Arafat, Peres, and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who was later assassinated, shared the 1994 Nobel Peace Prize for signing the breakthrough Oslo Peace Accords the year before.

Nearly 200 killed or missing in typhoon in South Korea

By J.H. Yun

Associated Press Writer

GANGNEUNG, South Korea (AP) —

The government said Tuesday that nearly 200 people were killed or missing in a powerful typhoon that pounded South Korea over the weekend. The toll was expected to rise.

The government's anti-disaster center said that 113 people were confirmed killed and 71 others missing after Typhoon Rusa swept through eastern and southern parts of South Korea.

Center officials said they were checking reports by relatives and villagers that 14 more people were missing in floods and landslides.

All-news cable network YTN put the death toll at 138 killed and 77 missing.

Park Chung-ho, a center official, said the death toll could rise as communications with remote, isolated areas were restored. He said many of the missing were feared dead.

Rusa, the Malaysian word for deer, was the most powerful typhoon to hit South Korea since Sarah in 1959, which left over 840 people dead or missing.

Property damage was tentatively put at 890 billion won (dls 750 million).

One of the hardest hit was Gangwon province on the country's east coast where 128 people were killed or missing.

Its seat, Gangneung, was swamped by waist-high floods after getting rainfall of 89 centimeters (36 inches) in less than two days.

"Nothing is more miserable than this. I would rather die," said Kim Bun-hee, a 61-year-old housewife,

standing in a long line to get a ration of drinking water brought by firetrucks. Kim said the basement of her home was still flooded.

Hundreds of graves were washed away in a landslide that destroyed a large part of a public cemetery outside Gangneung. Television clips showed people shoveling the leveled ground to try to locate the missing tombs of their loved ones.

Thousands of soldiers were helping residents clear mounds of broken furniture and damaged household goods that filled streets. Many schools in the city and nearby areas were temporarily closed.

North Korea also reported heavy human losses and property damage. Its official media, the Korean Central News Agency, said "scores" of people were killed and large tracts of farmland were destroyed.

As part of a deal with North Korea last week just before the weekend downpours, South Korea will ship 400,000 tons of rice and 100,000 tons of fertilizer to the impoverished North in the next few months.

A South Korean cruise tour of a scenic mountain resort on North Korea's east coast was temporarily suspended due to damages caused by the typhoon, said the tour operator, Hyundai Asan Co. of Seoul.

Several sections of roads leading to the North's Diamond Mountain resort were washed away and some lodging facilities there were destroyed, said the company.

Repair work was expected to take more than two weeks, it said. The Koreans were divided in 1945.

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Who Ya Rootin' For?



By Marvin Anderson
Sports Editor

Midway through the third quarter of Saturday night's debacle, (also known as) the Labor Day Classic, I looked up into the stands only to find a sea of empty seats instead of Prairie View supporters.

True, the score might not have been to our liking, but we should still support our football team.

It seemed as though after the bands played at halftime that all our "fans" had seen enough and headed for the exits.

I admit that I too am guilty of abandoning the ship, but I realize how hard these guys work and I feel the least we should do is stick around to the end for moral support.

These guys practice in triple-degree temperatures, most of them without scholarships, to go out and represent our school.

Where is the loyalty?

Think about it, if we were winning you couldn't pay people to leave the games, but since the team was down on their luck the "fans" probably didn't help the spirits of the team by deserting them when they needed them most.

I believe the football team will improve, maybe not this year or next year, but they will improve and the fair-weather fans will be back.

Bottom line is they represent us so we should represent them.

Support the football team just like we support the band, track, etc.

Who are you rootin' for?

Panthers punished 44-14 in Labor Day loss to TSU

By Marvin Anderson
Sports Editor

Penalties, inexperience, fatigue and first game jitters. All of these issues became deciding factors in Prairie View's 44-14 loss to Texas Southern in Saturday's Labor Day Classic at the Reliant Astrodome.

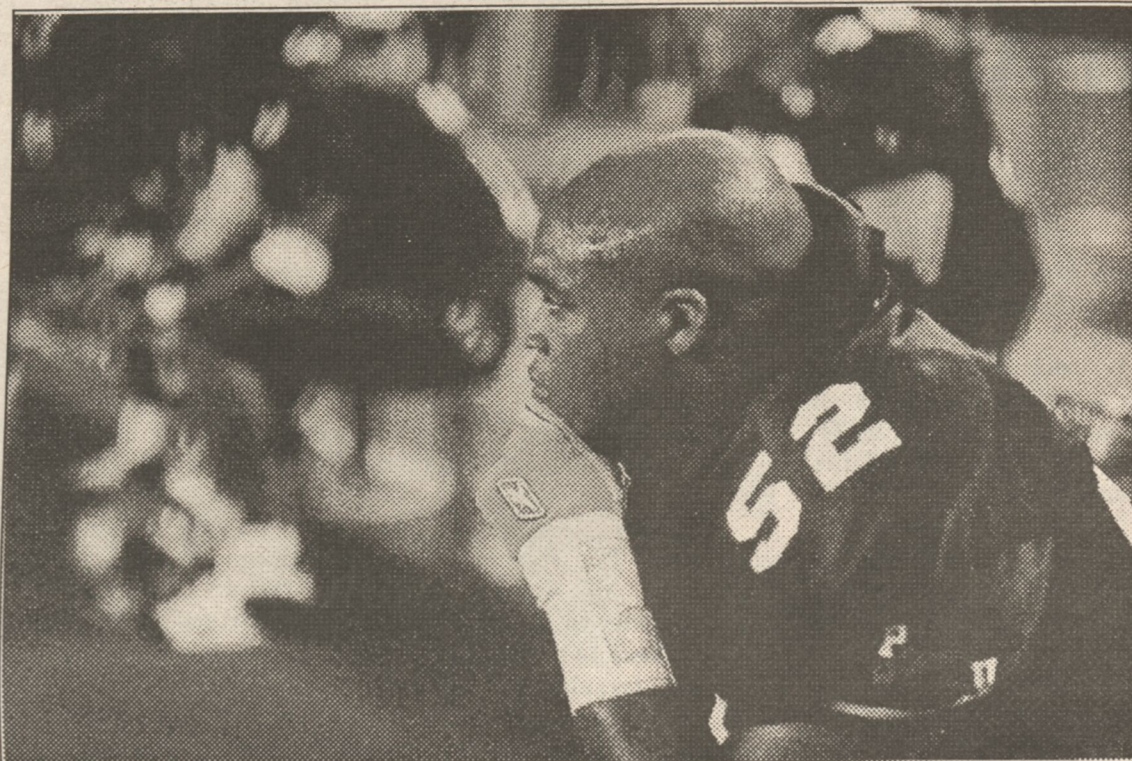
The Panthers can also attribute the loss to turnovers, they fumbled the ball away five times usually giving the Tigers excellent field position.

Panther receiver Bertrum Jackson summed it up best, "we basically beat ourselves and had too many mental mistakes".

Although the final score probably wouldn't indicate it, the Panther defense was solid, but fatigue and turnovers overshadowed their efforts.

Tight end Damon Wilson supports this claim, "the defense played well, they just got tired, and as the game went on we just began to lack focus."

The defense provided excitement early into first quarter when Panther linebacker Charles Land sacked Texas Southern quarterback Carlos Pierson in the end zone for a 2-0 lead.



Prairie View linebacker Cory Stewart stares at the scoreboard in disbelief

Later in the first quarter the Panther defense struck again, this time defensive end Jadon Brunn forced a Pierson fumble which was recovered by Land and returned 15 yards for a touchdown.

The Panther offense was above average winning the battle for time of possession 34:25 almost a full ten minutes more than TSU's 25:35.

The Panthers Achilles' heel on Saturday was penalties. They were penalized a total of 10 times for 91 yards.

"We committed too many turnovers, and penalties. Next week we should concentrate on making less mistakes and working harder", said defensive back Jarrett Lowery.

The Panthers will attempt to work out those kinks this weekend against Tennessee State in the John Merritt Classic, in Nashville, Tennessee.

Venus, Serena moving on in the U.S. Open Williams sisters poised to meet in Finals

Associated Press
NEW YORK --

No one has come close to testing Serena Williams at the U.S. Open.

Here's how older sister Venus responded to her first challenge: She dug in, pulled out a three-set victory, then went right out and practiced.

Both moved closer to another all-Williams final with victories Tuesday, though in vastly different ways.

Serena reached the semifinals by dominating Daniela Hantuchova 6-2, 6-2 at night.

Venus had plenty of problems against Chanda Rubin before emerging with

a 6-2, 4-6, 7-5 victory to reach the quarterfinals for the 18th time in 20 Grand Slam events.

Top-seeded Serena, the 1999 Open champion, had 29 winners to six for the 11th-seeded Hantuchova, and whipped 12 aces at up to 115 mph.

When Hantuchova arrived at the National Tennis Center hours before the match, she was wearing heavy wrapping on her right thumb, injured Sunday night during her fourth-round match against Justine Henin.

"I feel I have nothing to lose. I don't know why," Serena said. "I feel so free and floating, so carefree."

Next up as she tries to become the first woman since Steffi Graf to win three straight

major: Lindsay Davenport, a hard hitter many think has the best chance of coming between the sisters and a longer string of major titles.

"We're the same style of players. I actually like playing Lindsay. I can't wait," Serena said. "Win, lose or draw, I'm going to have fun."

Serena has lost a total of 14 games through her five matches so far, spending an average of 51 minutes on court. She certainly seems on pace for another all-in-the-family championship match, having lost to Venus in last year's U.S. Open final and beaten her at the French Open and Wimbledon in 2002.

Venus, meanwhile, lost seven more games against Rubin than she had in her

previous three matches combined.

"Today just wasn't my best day," Venus said. "I had a lot of short balls that I just missed. It was definitely strange missing those shots, but I tried to stay calm."

She'll play Monica Seles for a semifinal berth. Still grunting on each shot and still hitting with two hands off both wings, Seles beat Martina Hingis 6-4, 6-2 to end Hingis' streak of six straight semifinal appearances at the year's final major. Hingis had ankle surgery in May and made it into the field here as a wildcard entry.

On the other half of

Williams' cont. Page 12

MLB players and owners beat clock to avoid strike

**Associated Press
NEW YORK --**

Strike or settle? Six hours before the deadline, baseball players and owners still weren't sure.

Negotiators had been going at it for nearly 23 straight hours when union head Donald Fehr went to commissioner Bud Selig's office Friday and the pair spoke alone.

"That was going to be the make-or-break meeting," said Gene Orza, the union's No. 2 official. "If that meeting had ended poorly, it seemed to me there would have been a breakdown and each party would do what they had to do."

Ten minutes later, Selig and Fehr were joined by the four lawyers who had done most of the bargaining during two-on-two sessions as the hours dwindled to the deadline: Bob DuPuy and Rob Manfred for the owners, and Michael Weiner and Steve Fehr -- the union head's brother -- for the players.

Then, in baseball tradition, swaps were made during the next two hours. By 11:45 a.m., the deal was

done.

"It was workmanlike," said Orza, who spent much of the time in another part of the commissioner's office, with Atlanta's Tom Glavine and B.J. Surhoff, and management officials. "There was no great argument that was necessary to shake somebody out of the doldrums. There was no dramatic, 'OK, OK, I give up' from either side. It proceeded in a logical way. For everything somebody got, somebody got something, too."

In the end, a sport that has no time limit made a deal because of one.

Friday's schedule of 15 games was to start at 3:20 p.m. ET -- the St. Louis Cardinals vs. the Chicago Cubs at Wrigley Field. Players, stadium workers and fans were on hold, not knowing what would happen.

In Boston, the Red Sox were in their Fenway Park clubhouse, told by the union not to get on buses to the airport for a trip to Cleveland. Timing was running short to get to the games.

"The greatest player is the clock," Orza said Saturday.

After negotiators worked for 25 of the previous

26 days, including nonstop talks and caucuses starting at 10 a.m. Thursday, plenty of issues remained. The biggest was whether the contract would expire on Dec. 1, 2006, as owners preferred, or on Dec. 31, as the union insisted.

While that point might not seem that important, players and owners battle every labor issue as if it were the ninth inning of Game 7 of the World Series. It was a major matter to them because it could affect salary arbitration in 2007.

"That issue was bargained very hard from 1994 to '96," said DuPuy, baseball's chief operating officer. "There were still raw nerves."

What about the luxury tax, which the sides had spent nearly nine months squabbling about? On the chart of rates and thresholds, players had moved closer to owners during a meeting at 4 a.m. Friday, and owners moved closer to players during a 6 a.m. session, both lasting 20 minutes.

"We were fairly close," DuPuy said. "If that was all that was left, there

was no way that grid was going to stop a deal."

— Players took three hours to respond, which puzzled management, especially with teams needing to travel. DuPuy said Manfred was more optimistic at that point than he was.

When the union came to the commissioner's office at 9 a.m., players said they would agree to an expiration on Dec. 19 -- the last day before teams had to offer contracts to unsigned players for the 2007 season.

Then everything started falling into place. The last bargains struck were a pair of provisions regarding the amateur draft and free agency.

Owners traded a provision that forced clubs signing top free agents to forfeit top draft picks -- eliminating the last remnant of free-agent compensation, the dispute during a 50-day strike in 1981.

In exchange, management obtained a new provision that calls for teams to get extra selections if they fail to sign their first- and second-round picks in the amateur draft each June.

The final piece was an agreement on rules for the joint union-management committee that will establish a worldwide amateur draft.

For the first time since 1970, players and owners had agreed to a labor contract without a work stoppage -- although they still must put the agreement in writing. Their previous eight negotiations had resulted in five strikes and three lockouts.

"It would be nice if reaching a deal without a work stoppage is proof that it can be done," DuPuy said.

The terms are far different from the ones discussed during two dozen secret, informal bargaining sessions from March to June 2001, he said. Paul Beeston, DuPuy's predecessor, led management's delegation for those talks.

DuPuy said the union refused to consider a luxury tax 13 months earlier and offered only slight increases in revenue sharing. In retrospect, DuPuy thought the 2001 talks were doomed to failure.

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New Prairie View A&M Men's Basketball Coach Signs Three Panthers stock up for 2002-2003 season

AP Wire

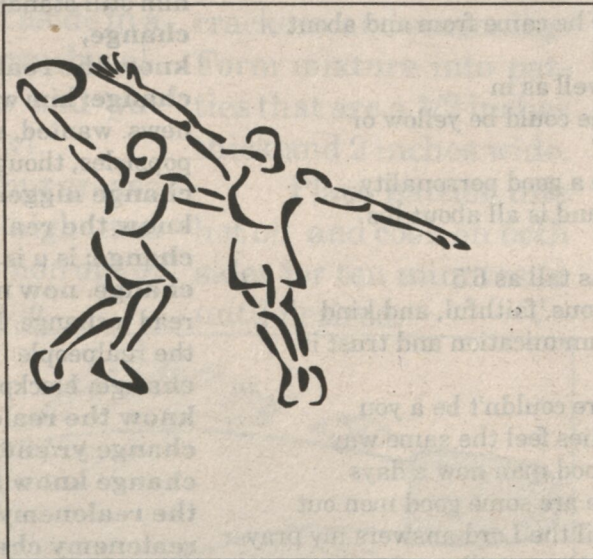
Prairie View A&M University's new head basketball coach, Jerome Francis, has inked 6-6 forward/guard Malachi Thurston to an NCAA National Letter of Intent.

A native of Oakland, Calif., Thurston, was chosen as the most valuable player for the Bay Valley Conference West and first team all-state last year, averaging 26.7 points per game and 8.3 rebounds.

He was the fourth-leading scorer in California after leading Diablo Valley College to a 27-8 season and a state playoff appearance. As a high school

prepster at Marin Academy-San Rafael, Thurston received an outstanding achievement award in Japanese language while averaging 23 points per game.

He also was a post-graduate student at Hotchkiss School, where he was named first



team New England Prep School All-Star, first team all-tournament at the

Kingswood Holiday Invitational and he received the William Durvee Award for the best player in the Tri-State Basketball League.

"We're extremely excited about our first recruiting class. Each of the student-athletes we've signed brings some unique strengths that can help our program," said Francis.

"We look forward to helping the continued development of these young men, both academically and athletically."

The signing of Thurston brings Prairie View's list of new Panthers to four, including two high school players and one junior college player.

Last month, Gary Hamilton (6-9 power forward), a McDonald's All-American nominee from Los Angeles, Calif., Dashon Harper (6-3 guard), District III player of the year in Ohio, and Kevin Cooper (6-3 guard), a JUCO transfer from Lee College, signed NCAA National Letters of Intent.

Etiquette a must for PV students



By Yolanda Hadnot
Lifestyles Editor

The atmosphere that surrounds our campus and students is not one of great decorum which brings about the issue of campus etiquette. This issue needs to be addressed just as much as any other topic plaguing our university.

Webster defines etiquette as the manners, forms, and ceremonies established by convention as acceptable or required social relations, in a profession, or in a social life.

Campus etiquette brings about issues such as dress attire, attitude, and the respect you have for others and yourself just to name a few. The type of dress code that is maintained at this university is more like club than class.

The purpose of college is to educate and prepare students for corporate America. I'm sorry but halter tops, daisy dukes, sagging pants, and gold teeth just do not fit in to the Fortune 500 club.

We, as students, have an unspoken norm to follow. It seems as though it's more important to look cool than to set the example for what is right. Fighting is immature and should have been left in high school. If we, as future leaders of tomorrow, can't settle our complaints and concerns without using our hands were in the wrong environment.

Campus etiquette is an issue that needs to be attacked before we leave this university because this is our pathway to success.

Funny things that happen only in African American families

Chasity Banks

Panther Staff

Why is being in an African-American family so fun? African Americans are very appealing to the human eye but why is that? African-American families tend to have many unique occurrences—some good and some bad no matter what the classification.

Why is it in African-American families:

When you go to the store with your mom you know not ask for nothing?

Why do we do it anyway?

Every time you go to sleep in church your aunt pinches you?

Does she not know that hurts?

African-American babies' first words are a song from the radio?

Is the radio the new Hooked on Phonics?

The first meat we learn to cook is chicken?

Is this a rule?

African-American males spend their big check on fixing up their cars?

What are they going to do when it breaks down?

Over the summer our parents say they can't wait until we go back to school?

Do we get on their nerves?

We call a family meeting to see who will pay for what when somebody dies?

Why don't we have family meetings on other occasions?

Our parents beat us in public?

Don't they not know that's embarrassing?

Black females always say that they are mixed with Indian?

Our grandparents forget our names?

Do we need to walk around with name tags on?

IDEAL MAN

Hey brothers out there, listen if you don't mind I want to tell you about the type of man who catches my eye

It's a man that first of all treats his mother with respect

not a man that goes around calling females a (shhhhhhhh)

but that's another story, he has to be all about his business

a man on top of his game from start to finish a man who has goals and knows what he wants in the future

a man who won't forget where he came from and about his culture

a man who is fine outside as well as in

It doesn't matter what color, he could be yellow or dark skin

not to mention, he has to have a good personality not a man that's into himself and is all about his sexuality

he could be as short as 5'6 or as tall as 6'5

a man that's intelligent, generous, faithful, and kind

Oh yeah, let me not forget communication and trust is the key

cause if I didn't have that, there couldn't be a you and me now I know a lot of ladies feel the same way who knows its hard to find a good man now a days on the other hand I know there are some good men out there so I'm just gone wait until the Lord answers my prayer but I'm not gonna look the right man will surely come we will start off as good friends and end up as one so I'm gonna take it day by day and take care of mines until I come across that man who catches my eye.

Jay Dena Parahams

a poem to complement other poems

change.
life if u were a match i wd light u into something beautiful. change.
change.
for the better into a realreal together thing.
change, from a make believe
nothing on cornmeal and water.
change.
change. from the last drop to the first, maxwellhouse did. change.
change was a programmer for imb, thought him was a brown computer. change.
colored is something written on southern outhouses. change.
greyhound did, i mean they got rest rooms on buses. change. change.
change nigger.
saw a nigger hippy, him wanted to be different. changed.
saw a nigger liberal. him wanted to be different changed.
saw a nigger conservative, him wanted to be different. changed.
niggers don't u know that niggers are different. change.
a double change. nigger wanted a double zero in front of his name; a license to kill,
niggers are licensed to be killed. change. a negro: something pigs eat.
change. i say change into a realblack righteous aim. like i don't play saxophone but that doesn't mean i don't dig 'trane.' change.
change. hear u coming but yr/steps are too loud.
change. even a lamp post changes nigger.
change, stop being an instant yes machine. change.

niggers don't change they just grow. that's a change bigger & better niggers. change, into a necessary blackself.

change, like a gas meter gets higher.

change, like a blues song talking about a righteous tomorrow.

change, like a tax bill getting higher.

change, like a good sister getting better.

change, like knowing wood will burn. change.

know the realenemy.

change,

change nigger: standing on the corner, thought him was cool.

him still standing there. it's winter time, him cool.

change,

know the realenemy.

change: him wanted to be a tv star. him is. ten o'clock news. wanted, wanted. nigger stole some lemon & lime popsicles, thought them were diamonds.

change nigger change.

know the realenemy.

change: is u is or is u aint.

change. now now change. for the better change.

read a change. live a change. read a blackpoem. change the realpeople.

change. blackpoemswill change:

know the realenemy. change. know the realenemy

change yr/enemy change know the real

change know the real enemy change, change, know the realenemy, the realenemy, the real

realenemy change your the enemies/ change your change your change your enemy change.

change change your change change change.

your mind nigger.

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The Big Day Approaches for Justin or Kelly - but will "American Idol" fame last ?

By Lynn Elber
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — On Wednesday, Justin Guarini or Kelly Clarkson will be anointed an "American Idol" by television viewers. The winner's first single will be out in less than two weeks, the first album two months after that.

That's the certainty awaiting the finalists in Fox's hit talent competition, which started out with 10,000 aspiring pop stars hoping for a TV magic-carpet ride to fame.

After that? Get out the crystal ball. The top contestants have a shot at lasting careers if hard work, artistic growth and a sometimes-fickle public fall into line, say music industry insiders.

For now, even the show's co-executive producer admits the idol title is in name only for Guarini, 23, of Doylestown, Pa., or Clarkson, 20, of Burleson, Texas.

"This program or programs like it are great platforms for a career, but they don't guarantee any career," said Nigel Lythgoe.

"Their music, at the end of the day, and where they take their music and the quality of their songs is going to do that," Billboard's Geoff Mayfield agreed.

"You really can't bet on how someone's going to fare until a record is made and it hits the stores," said Mayfield, director of charts for Billboard. Since artist development is a gamble anyway, the contestants' chances are as good as any, he said.

Independent producer 7 Aurelius, who has worked with stars including Mary J. Blige, Janet Jackson and Jennifer Lopez, expressed confidence that the show's best will find success.

"It already worked overseas," Aurelius said, referring to the hit records produced by the three top finishers in Britain's "Pop Idol," the model for "American Idol."

He pronounced himself ready to work with Nikki McKibbin, 23, of Grand Prairie, Texas, who just missed out on the finals. ("I want to sign her. Print that," said Aurelius.)

There's precedent for enduring talent-show fame. Ed McMahon's "Star Search" (1983-95) gave us Rosie O'Donnell and Britney Spears. Winners of "The Original Amateur Hour," which aired from 1948-1960 with host Ted Mack, included 7-year-old Gladys Knight and college student Pat Boone. In 1937, radio's "Major Bowes' Amateur Hour" boasted the biggest idol of them all: Frank Sinatra.

"American Idol" contestants seem to have a ready-made market. The series attracted a healthy summer audience of 11.5 million when it debuted June 11; viewership swelled to nearly 17 million last week as the contestants were pared to the final two.

Fox crows it has the highest-rated summer series among the young adult viewers favored by advertisers.

The number of callers voting for their favorite has swelled to more than 14 million weekly. That includes, however, "power dialers" making thousands of calls in a bid to change the voting outcome — which the producers maintain has had a statistically insignificant impact.

"We get to pick the winner," 15-year-old fan Ashley Knoblach said, explaining the show's appeal as she and several friends waited to take their seats at a taping last week in Hollywood's Kodak Theatre. Will they buy their records? Yes, they nod in enthusiastic unison.

The two-part finale airs Tuesday (9-10 p.m. EDT) and Wednesday (8-10 p.m. EDT). Guarini and Clarkson will perform the first night and votes will be cast; the results will be announced the second night.

There's no cutthroat gamesmanship, at least none apparent, between the

finalists. "This show, I'm going to be completely relaxed," Clarkson said in an interview. "Whoever wins, wins." Predicted Guarini: "It's gonna be a lot of fun."

Both have come a long way in a short time. Clarkson had just moved to Los Angeles and was shopping a demo record when she answered the audition call during a brief trip back home.

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Fillet, Ohhh Fish! Recipe for students with limited finances

By Yolanda Hadnot
Lifestyles Editor

2 (8oz. cans) salmon

1 small white onion

24 saltine crackers

1 cup of flour

2 1/2 cups of canola oil

1tsp. of season salt (optional)

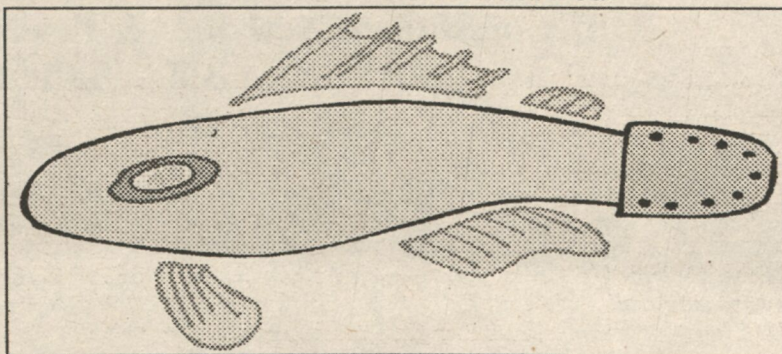
1/2 tsp. black pepper (optional)

Chop onions in its entirety into diced pieces and set aside in a small bowl, crush saltine crackers and put aside in a bowl.

Place your grease on medium high and then take salmon out of can and debone.

In a large bowl combine salmon, onions, crackers, and seasoning. Form mixture into patties that are a 1/2 inches thick and 2 inches wide.

Place patties into hot oil and cook on both sides for ten minutes or until desired.



1. Is it a tradition PV for U's football team get bits eat by TSU? 2. If the quarterback's line name is wreckshop, why didn't he wreck in the game? 3. How many of you dressed like you were going to Ttown last week? 4. How many of you did go to T-Town on Friday? 5. Why are freshmen so loud? 6. Do they think they're important or something? 7. Who was that guy that had the pink umbrella to match his pink shirt? 8. How long will the village hot water before it is turned off? 9. Why are all the management staff in the village under 25? 10. Have the workers in alumni gotten worse (ie. girl who use to work at Pizza Hut)? 11. If there is only 1 Eve, Faith Evans, and Charlie Baltimore, why are some of you girls wandering around with your hair platinum blonde, strawberry blonde, and Kool Aid red? 12. Why does UC have TV rooms but no TVs. 13. Who was the boy that got Mike Tyson punchout played on his face in Alumni? 14. Where were his friends? 15. Did anybody count to see how many times he got knocked out? 16. What is in PV's water? 17. Has anybody broken out in hives yet? 18. Who's happy that the Black Foxes got new uniforms? 19. Was that the Labor Day Classic or the Little League Classic? 20. What do you think?

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Tempton from 4

things that the university has done for the state and for us," said Tempton.

"Prairie View does have a lot to be proud of- it has over 38,000 graduates, it's the largest producer of minority educators in the state, and at one point, it commissioned the largest classes of minority military officers. These types

of things draw people to the university. We have a tremendous legacy."

Another major concern of Tempton's, is the lack of donations from alumni. "The most critical point for us at this time is to instill in our students and alumni the idea of giving back to the institution, so that the institution should be where it needs to be in the future," stated Tempton.

"Every great institution in this state or anywhere else has a large endowment and an alumni base that freely and willingly returns something to that institution on an annual basis. We have to get to that point where we can do that as well."

Tempton does not plan on applying for the presidency. After a president is selected, he does not plan on staying around for long. "I think it will be time for me to move on," he said. "I'll stick around as long as the president thinks he/she will need my assistance."

Beyond that, I intend to get out of the way and let the new administration do what they need to do and how they want to do it."

Williams from Page 5

As a NAEP fellow, Mr. Williams has an important role. His expectations are to serve as an ambassador for the program by conforming to the guidelines. He will accomplish this by becoming involved in advanced engineering research, conducting general, material science re-

search, instructing interface with students, administering departmental programs, participating in development and testing of different designs and other applications for use on the International Space Station.

Mr. Williams will also assist the college of engineering in developing software-engineering curriculums to support the growing needs of the ISS Program's software development, operations, and maintenance as a domain expert.

To conduct outreach, Mr. Willie Williams will participate in Prairie View A&M University Recruitment Outreach Program by developing and participating in faculty and student programs, seminars, workshops, and conferences.

His goal is to attract, acquire and support faculty and students in the pursuit of knowledge and potential careers in aerospace.

For the duration of his tenure, Mr. J.D. Oliver of the Prairie View A&M University Computer Science department will serve as a technical monitor and liaison between the NAEP fellow, host institution, and NASA.

Mr. Oliver, who will also serve as an ambassador for the program, has been familiarized with the NAEP handbook and will keep progress of the time-honored relationship.

Williams' from Page 8

the draw, 1998 champion Davenport moved into the semifinals by eliminating unseeded Elena Bovina 3-6, 6-0, 6-2. Davenport, playing just her fifth tournament since right knee surgery performed by the same doctor who rebuilt Rubin's left knee, capitalized on Bovina's 36 unforced errors.

"It looks like all her techniques are breaking down," he said.

They might have been going over what went wrong when she was broken three straight times in the second set.

"The girls started to get bigger, stronger, faster," the 28-year-old Seles said. "You see the girls now are 6 feet tall, have a 100 mph serve -- that's the lowest."

Hmmm, sounds a lot like her next opponent. And Davenport's.

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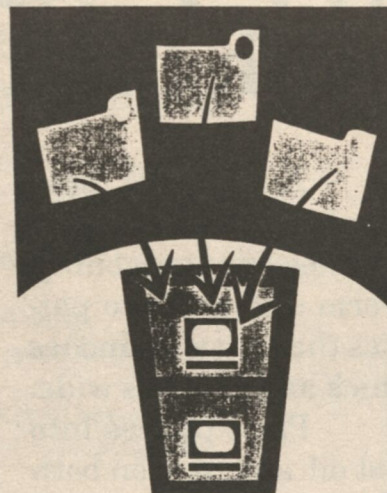
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PVAMU Recognized Student Organizations are allowed to hold chapter meetings before the twelfth (12th) class day. The requisite Special Events Occupancy Request Form officially secures all meetings, seminars, and program activities. Special Events Occupancy Request Forms submitted prior to the completed Student Organization Recognition Packet will not receive approval.